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## Lower Rouge River scheduled for dredging

**DETROIT** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District awarded a contract to a Michigan company for more than a half million dollars to dredge the lower Rouge River.

MCM Marine, Inc., out of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was awarded the contract worth \$581,000. The work includes the removal of 64,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the mouth of the river to and including the turning basin. Dredging should begin in June and finish in August.

The river was last dredged in 2002. The Corps is pleased to be able to perform this valuable work, despite the fact that the Army Civil Works Budget, which is approved by the U.S. Congress, has decreased 18 percent since 2001. Dredging monies are drawn from this budget.

This dredging work will help ensure shipping lanes remain open and able to support the high volume of commercial vessels, which pass up and down the Rouge River, fueling the economy in the Great Lakes region. As in years past, the dredged material will be placed in the Pte. Mouillee Confined Disposal Facility, which is 21 miles downstream from the mouth of the Rouge River on the Detroit River.

The Detroit District plans to remove approximately 800,000 cubic yards of material from the Great Lakes waterways in 2006. Dozens of projects throughout the Great Lakes are contracted by the Detroit District to support these activities.

The Detroit District manages 94 harbors in and around Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and the Michigan portion of Lake Erie. Along with the Detroit River, the Corps in Detroit handles the connecting channels of the St. Marys and St. Clair Rivers.

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